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"We in this country, in this generation, are—by destiny rather than choice—the watchmen on the walls of world freedom."

JOHN F. KENNEDY

"The basis for an ordered world is law."

EARL WARREN

"The universal aspiration for the rights of human rights of the world of today, a world where the memory is still fresh of some of the worst infringements of human rights ever experienced in history and a world which is also facing the problems of human rights in new and increasingly complicated form, is the significance of the Declaration of Human Rights."

DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

"Any human society, if it is to be well ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation this principle, namely, that every human being is a person, that is, his nature is endowed with intelligence and free will. By virtue of this, he has rights and duties of his own, flowing directly and simultaneously from his very nature which are, therefore, universal, inviolable and unalienable. If we look upon the dignity of the human person in the light of divinely revealed truth, we cannot help but esteem it far more highly."

POPE JOHN XXIII

"Human rights will develop only if nations agree on common standards and procedures like the Human Rights Convention. What this world needs is a 'Universal Law' without a 'Universal Society', if by universal society is meant a society of which all the human race have a direct connection with a central authority. We will have to be content with a universal society of nations for a long time, carrying out President Kennedy's idea of a 'world safe for diversity'. The effort to realize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should continue."

QUINCY WRIGHT, former President, The American Society of International Law, Professor, University of Virginia

"The proponents of World Human Rights Congress are therefore moving in the right path of insisting upon a discriminating and efficient general principle of law and justice rather than a sovereign political authority as the basis of a world legal order."

Reuben Posen, Dean Emeritus, Harvard Law School

"I believe the Rule of Law should cover all the world and in particular, there must be no vacuum in the protection of fundamental human rights. I think World Human Rights Congress is a primary requirement in the national and international societies."

Justice Kothari, Supreme Court of India

"World Human Rights Congress fulfills the demands of the United Nations Charter for respect of Human Rights and addresses the problem of arrest and detention without due Process of Law which is an abuse of ancient standing and modern exemplification."

Professor Quincy Wright, former President, American Society of International Law

"A movement such as World Human Rights Congress, promoting the general principles of the Rule of Law and leading towards the acceptance of an international jurisdiction, is indeed worthy of the wide support which it has, in fact, received. I wish it every success."

Lord Hailsham of Sturges

"I am ready to cooperate with this most desirable organization of World Human Rights Congress. The principle 'Peace Through Law' was always one of my ideas concerning the improvement of international relations."

Dr. Hans Salomon

1. WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESS can prove to be the major instrument to realize the creative potential of an international society.
2. WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESS emerges at the right time in the history of man's struggle for liberty and equality. It provides the international legislative process in the prime arena of growth of specific public policy.
3. WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESS is a force tempered by the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recognizes the absolute value of the individual. It manifests itself as a courageous self-assertion for individuals and groups in a world society.
4. WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESS repudiates arbitrary power and is devoted to the force of the rule of law.
5. WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESS can be the phenomenon of leverage in international social control and a concrete tool for world peace.

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August 19, 1970

Mr. Robert L. Fleming 201-128405/  
Vice President  
Mid-America International  
Development Association, Inc.  
Private Mail Bag  
Accra, Ghana

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bob:

I today had lunch with a Mr. Luis Kutner, who as you will see from the attached is Chairman of World Habeas Corpus. I don't know anything about the organization except that the names are good, and Kutner contacted me as the founder of the concept, for which he was nominated for the Nobel prize. He is one of the best name-droppers on a global basis that I have come across and I honestly don't know if he's for real or a complete phony.

Over the telephone he indicated two areas of involvement which might interest us. First he claimed to have been invited to become Busia's economic advisor. Secondly, he indicated he represented a group willing to make a handsome return to anyone investing \$20,000,000 which they require to overthrow the Taiwan government. I hastily declined the latter, as I had already committed interest in the first.

After describing his involvement with Ghana. Apparently as the result of his interest in human rights he was appointed Attorney General for a group of 17,000 Ghanaians exiled under N'Kruma which he formed into the Ghana International Students Association. As he became familiar with the situation, he denounced N'Kruma on TV (I believe he said the anti-my-friendship show), and many of the "boys" began to come to him to devise ways in which a change could be effected. They finally hit upon a scheme whereby a life size gold statue of N'Kruma was made and delivered to Ghana. Efforts were made for two years to have him come to Ghana, but when he finally did he was seized by representatives of the Police. Kwame Nkrumah's other African accomplishments was to prevent Ghana from returning to the Congo.

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As a result of the above Kutner contends to be well know, particularly in Ghana. He was recently contacted by Tim Odure Kwarten, Chairman of Ghana International News Association who put him up to the idea of becoming Economic Advisor. He wrote a long letter to Busia indicating the various things he could accomplish, such as develop tourism, rationalize the investment code, promote a brewery, construct a fishmeal plant etc. etc. He then wanted to explore ways he could work with us. I was not encouraging other than to tell him we should talk further if Busia's response was favorable. He volunteered to mention us to Busia, and to push our projects, neither of which would be appropriate. no 201

I am writing you for two reasons. First I want to be sure he doesn't link his name with ours, and hence you might simply keep your ears open. Secondly, I wondered if you have heard of him or could in any way comment on his credibility (he taught at Yale Law until 1953 and is editing a book co-authored by Pound of Harvard). I am reluctant to discount him as a crank until all possible checkings have been made.

I see no reason to commit this letter to our files.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

  
James Y. Robertson  
President

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